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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Examination for plaque and plaque-infected rodents.

Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended March 26, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 6 cases remain under treatment. Plagueinfected rodents continued to be found in the town.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

Other places.—At Uitenhage, Queenstown, King Williams Town, and Knysna no case of plague was discovered in man or animal during

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Three hundred and two rats were examined during the week. None were found affected with plague.

> A. John Gregory, Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRALIA.

Report from Brisbane—Plaque—Examination of rodents for plaque infection.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following, received under date of March 18 and 25, from Alfred Deakin, department of external affairs:

> DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND, Brisbane, March 5, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 4, for week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, March 5, 1904.

No case of plague has occurred in this State since the 18th February ultimo (16 days), and the 5 patients at the plague hospital are now convalescent.

The last plague-infected rat was found yesterday.

RATS.

Report for week ending March 4, 1904.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute	465
Plague-infected	4
Total number of rats destroyed	2,204
Total number mice destroyed	202